

Biography of Mirko Chardin

Mirko Chardin is from the Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School a pilot school for over six hundred students in grades six through eight in Boston. Mirko is an Academy Leader at LGF, where he leads Academy One. While Mirko's work has involved all areas of school management & student support, his greatest experience and passion revolves around cultural connected teaching and learning, the implementation of technology and school culture. Mirko's work in Academy One has given him experience in student support, discipline, staffing decisions, budget, family and community engagement, and facilities. On a daily basis he works with teachers on curriculum development, classroom management and students support related issues. Mirko is responsible for directing all aspects of his Academy's instruction and general daily operations. Mirko is a big picture thinker who believes that all students can learn and that school should be an interesting and enjoyable experience for all participants.

Prior to his current role, Mirko was a humanities teacher. He has also served as the Lilla Fredericks Chair of Leadership Team, Chair of Transition to Small Schools Team, Summer School Principal, Male issues group facilitator, Student Council Advisor, Developer of the Academy One Graduation Portfolio Process and numerous other leadership roles.

A lifelong resident of Massachusetts, Mirko has received his education at institutions throughout the state. He earned his Bachelor's degree in English Literature at Wheaton College. Mirko then earned his Masters in Arts of Teacher from Tufts University. He later studied school leadership and earned his principal's certification through the Principal Residency Network, a joint venture of the Center for Collaborative Education and Northeastern University. Mirko is currently in the midst of completing a Doctorate in Administrative Education Leadership concentrating on the correlation between student achievement and school culture at Walden University.

Beyond teaching Mirko has particular interest in alternative/performance-based assessment, student choice and collaboration in classroom learning. Mirko is also extremely passionate about the usage of technology in teaching. He is also a believer in global citizenship and has spent time living and working with youth and educators in both Europe and Africa.

Prior to his work in public education, Mirko was the founder and director of the New Hope Youth Coalition, a Boston based non-profit that focused on connecting organizations that service youth in the City of Boston to each other and partner organizations in South Africa and Zimbabwe. Mirko also served as an ordained Youth Pastor at Life Church Boston. He is currently a member of the board of directors of the Community Teachers Institute, a Washington D.C. based non-profit that focus on Ed. Reform and the development of cultural competent teachers. He lives with his wife in the Mattapan neighborhood of Boston.